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Dear Parents,

Maths Week

This week, Squirrels have been reading stories that contain mathematical problems to solve. For example, they have read 'One is a snail, ten is a crab,' and counted lots of legs! They read 'Ten Little pirates' and have been subtracting from 10 and sharing gold coins between pirates. Lastly, they were estimating and checking how many cubes would fill the animal containers from 'Dear Zoo.'

Mrs de Wet



'This is so much fun!' is a phrase that has been repeated many times by children in the Badgers Class this week. Of course Maths is always fun in Year 2 but the children have really enjoyed using their Maths skills in a slightly different way. The children particularly enjoyed working with a partner to sort emojis and then creating their own emojis pictures for a peer to sort. Some of the children were keen to carry this activity on at home. The children also liked creating shape pictures using coloured tiles and use their calculation skills to help them spot any patterns. It has been lovely to see the children working well in different teams throughout the week, helping and supporting each other to develop their learning.

Mrs Gilchrist



Woodpeckers have been testing the one cut theory! Can you draw a square in the centre of your page and cut it out using just one straight cut? This certainly got some brains working. And apparently you can make any shape with straight lines using this method - mind boggling!!

Mrs Adams





After the mysterious discovery of a beanstalk and giant footprint in Hedgehog's classroom this morning we have decided to investigate the size of the giants footprint further.

We have measured the footprint and are trying to find things that are shorter/longer and the same length as the footprint. Some of us have even tried to measure in centimetres!

Mrs Hanwell



Rabbit Class have been busy using Quentin Blake's book 'Cockatoos'. We have made our own cockatoos using 10 different shades of one colour and 10 other colours. The cockatoos are all displayed in our classroom and the children have used mathematical positional language to describe their location. The children were really pleased to show their special clothes showing numbers (in various form).

Mrs Goatley



Owls class have definitely been using their brains this week during Maths week, with challenges that at first seem quite easy, but then realising they weren't! They really had to think carefully of the strategies used in order to arrive at an answer. One activity was to create 2-D geometrical shapes by cutting them out of a folded piece of paper with just one cut. As you can imagine, lots of paper was used to test this theorem but eventually 7 children found the answer through pure resilience and determination. Finding the winning formula, in a game to reach the target number 25 was definitely the most interesting class discussions we had.

Make sure you challenge the children to a game over the weekend and see if you can beat them!

Mrs Priestley

Foxes class had a great time exploring making shapes from a piece of string. Could you make a square based pyramid?



Visitors to School

This week, Raphael's dad visited Squirrels class. As a Stonemason, he had a lot of interesting facts to share with the children about buildings and Jurassic stone. They even learned that he had helped to build Uppingham Sports Centre! The class also had the chance to use a mallet and chisel to chip away at some stone, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Oakham Museum visited Foxes Class

Foxes Class had an excellent surprise on Wednesday afternoon, Emma from Oakham Museum came and brought in a collection of Stone Age and Bronze Age artefacts. After spending some time learning how artefacts were discovered and discussing the clues they give us about prehistoric times, we began the tasks of sorting and classifying. By doing this we were able to make our own timeline of artefacts. Then we became museum curators, handling and documenting the evidence into evidence logs. Everyone was excellent at taking precise measurements and predicting what the artefacts could have been used for. The most amazing artefact had to be part of a mammoth's tooth, it was huge! It was a fantastic afternoons learning, thank you Emma for visiting us.

Sporting News

Gymnastics

On Wednesday two teams of gymnasts competed in the Rutland Schools Gymnastics Festival. Taking part in the Key Steps 2 competition were: Scarlett, Chloe, Grace and Deighton. Ethan and Amelia represented the school in the Key Steps 3 competition. Over 150 children from Rutland took part in the event. All our gymnasts worked very hard and should be proud to have competed in this demanding event. Well done Ethan, Amelia, Scarlett, Chloe, Grace and Deighton!

Tag Rugby Next Week

Unfortunately due to a timetabling clash there will be no Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Club on Wednesday night. The club will resume on the first Wednesday of next term.

School Council

School Council had their first meeting of the New Year and their first project is to think about how we can make sure that everyone is safe when they are coming to school and leaving school. There are lots of people who are scooting and cycling on school property as well as walking across the school car park which makes it unsafe. Keep a look out for some of their ideas as they work with the children in their class to share ideas.

Best wishes

J. Exton
Headteacher

Community News

For more information about Fiesta de Futbol and Cricket Coaching please look on the school website.



Fiesta de Futbol

"Learn to Play the Spanish way"

FEB HALF TERM 2018 CAMPS AGES 6– 11yrs



SPANISH FOOTBALL CAMPS

3G Astroturf and Sports hall; Girls and Boys welcome




CAMP A: THE KIBWORTH SCHOOL, LE8 0LG (10am to 3pm)
THREE DAYS: Monday 12th Feb 2018 to Weds 14th Feb 2018

CAMP B: UPPINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LE15 9TJ (10am to 3pm)
TWO DAYS: Weds 14th Feb 2018 to Thurs 15th Feb 2018




To be held at
UCC
Uppingham
Community College

Tom Flowers Cricket Coaching

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP 2018

AT UPPINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MON 12TH - TUES 13TH FEBRUARY

DELIVERING CAMPS SINCE 2008 TO PLAYERS, CLUBS AND SCHOOLS
All coaches on the course ECB Level 3 / 2 qualified and DBS checked with wide range of experience

Diary Dates

- Friday 9th February Last day of Term 3
- Monday 19th February First day of Term 4
- Thursday 22nd February "Thinking Day" for Guiding – if your child is a member of the Guiding community then they can wear their uniform to celebrate Thinking Day.





Do you know how to keep yourself and your family safe on the internet?



Internet Safety Event

Date: 8th February 2018
Venue: Oakham Museum, Rutland
Time: 1:30pm – 6:30pm

Guest Speakers / Session Focus:

- 2:00pm Leicestershire Police:
Online fraud, spam, information security and healthy internet habits
- 4:00pm Safer Internet Centre:
For practical advice on talking to children aged 4 – 10 years.
- 5:30pm Safer Internet Centre:
For practical advice on talking to children aged 11 – 18 years.

Practical advice includes; online gaming, image sharing, privacy settings, parental controls. Other organisations in attendance throughout the day will be; PACE, Child Sexual Exploitation Team, Rutland Community Safety, Rutland Youth Service

For further information please call 01572 758301